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| BOX PATENT APPLICATION ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Washington, D.C. 20231 Dear Sir: | 23556 PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE |
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| Transmitted herewith for filing is the above-identified new utility process. Ronald L. Edens residing at 4110 High Gables East, Cumming, at 1429 Silverwood Lane, Neenah, WI 54956; Laura J. Keely resided WI 54956; Thomas P. Keenan residing at 933 E. Northwood Dribble Little residing at 3051 Intrepid Close, Marietta, GA 30062; Mary Harriman Street, Appleton, WI 54911; Stephen L. Nunn residing WI 54914; William G. Reeves residing at 616 E. Greenfield Street, Sorebo residing at 431 E. Sheffield Lane, Appleton, WI 54915; at 318 W. Winnebago Street, Appleton, WI 54911. | GA 30041; James J. Hlaban residing siding at 9407 Memory Lane, Neenah, ive, Appleton, WI 54911; Sylvia B. L. McDaniel residing at 1208 N. g at 1220 Lawrence Street, Appleton, et, Appleton, WI 54911; Heather A. |
| Enclosed are: | |
| 1. This Transmittal Form including Fee Authorization and a dup | licate for fee processing. |
| A Specification having a total of twenty-one (21) pages, inclufive (35) claims. | ding a one (1) page Abstract and thirty- |
| 3. Ten (10) sheets of drawings. | |
| 4. And, if indicated: | |
| A preliminary amendment. | |
| An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449 an pending applications) cited therein. Pending applications are receiving printed on the face of any patent issuing herefrom. | d copies of the documents (excluding cited on a separate sheet to avoid their |
| A Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122(b) | (2) (P)(i) |

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